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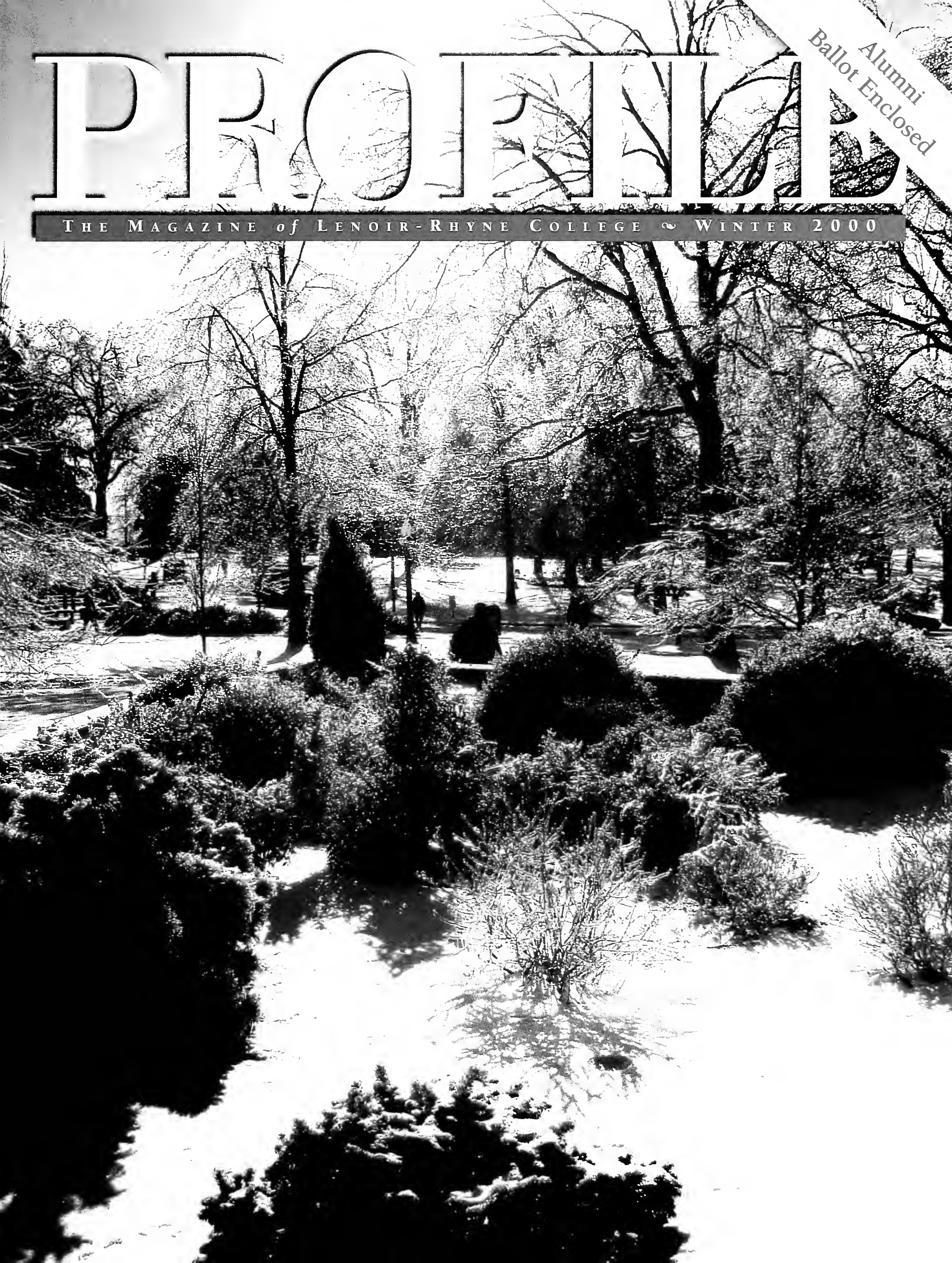

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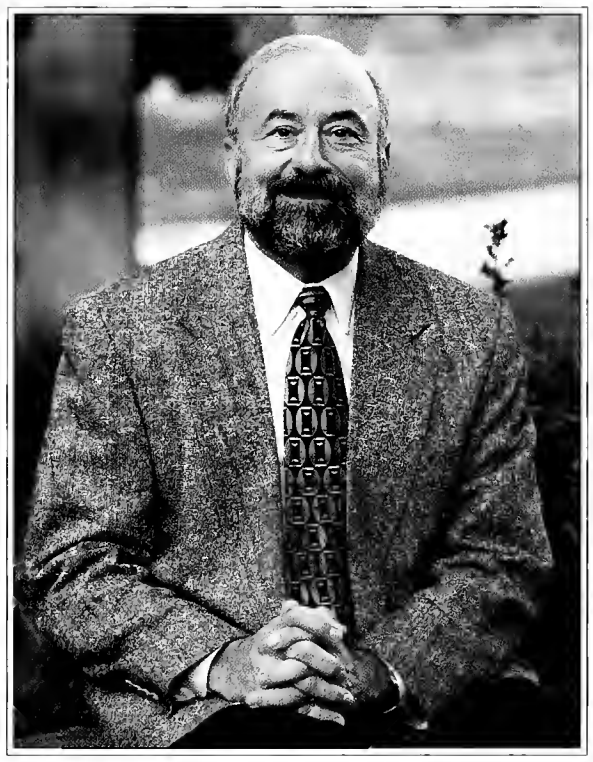


The end of the 1900s saw media filled with collections of retrospectives and of lists: the most, the best, the greatest. I was not tempted to contribute to their creation. In late June as I completed five years as President of Lenoir-Rhyne College, however, someone asked me what I saw as the greatest change in higher education during that time. That question *did* pique my interest.

Surprising even myself, I rejected such things as the tremendous influence of computer technology, the increasing shift away from liberal arts study, and the changing demographics of students.

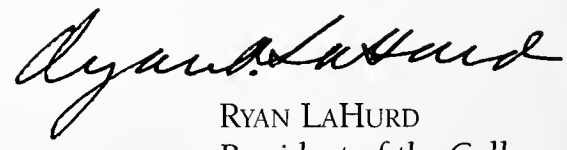
These developments are significant. To me, though, the greatest change is the growing sense in our culture that higher education is a commodity. Many have come to see colleges and universities as more like long distance telephone service providers or gas stations—things people choose largely by cost and convenience. Think about what happens when you exit the interstate in need of gas. Most likely you drive a few tenths of a mile comparing prices and the wait at the pumps. You will probably pick the cheapest and fastest without regard to brand.

Increasingly students may choose colleges in this same way. But college education is not a commodity. Students simply will not get the same education at a large university as at a smaller college, at a secular university as at a college of the Church, at a technical college as at a liberal-arts based college, at a web-based university as in face-to-face contact with professors.

Lenoir-Rhyne's response is to enhance what makes our educational experience distinctive. That is one reason for our constructing the new living-learning center you will read about in this issue. One of the hallmarks of life at L-R is the role of the residential community in educating the whole person. We see it as worth investing millions of dollars to accomplish this goal as well as possible.

The task of helping prospective students find the right college fit for them has become much more difficult. Not only is it necessary to describe the characteristics of this college but to educate them about why a careful choice based on elements in addition to cost, location and convenience is critically important.

It is a challenging task, but we have accepted the challenge. It is an undertaking in which we can use your help—you who know Lenoir-Rhyne College from experience. Tell young people about what L-R meant to you and how it shaped your development. Suggest that they take a careful look at all aspects of the schools they are considering. And please continue your support; it helps maintain the things that make this special place special!



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The Quad sparkles on a brisk winter day. Back cover photo courtesy of Hugh Morton, Grandfather Mountain.

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Angel Bear tree

Janet Matthews, information specialist, stands beside the Angel Bear Tree in the Cromer Center. Each ornament listed a child's first name, age, sex, clothing size and a suggested gift, information provided by the Salvation Army. The Angel Bear Tree is a joint project of the campus community and the Hickory Rotary Club, who delivered the gifts and meals to the children on Christmas Eve. This year, 38 families representing approximately 145 children benefited. Matthews helped coordinate the program.

Musical heritage

Celebrating Musical Heritage, a concert honoring the music of former Lenoir-Rhyne College music faculty and students, was presented by L-R faculty and students on Oct. 8.

Featured was the music of Kenneth B. Lee, former chair of the L-R music department and director of the college's A Cappella Choir; Alla Pearl Little, longtime community musician and teacher of piano; and well-known area pianist Libby Linn Gabriel, former L-R music department faculty member.

Ms. Little's compositions include the martial air, "Roanoke Suite," which premiered at the Lost Colony outdoor drama. For four consecutive years, she was the recipient of the Duncan Cup presented by the N.C. Federation of Music Clubs.

Mr. Lee has received numerous awards for his music including the Kimbell Award from the Chicago Singing Teachers Guild, a national award from the National Federation of Music Clubs and a state award from the N.C. Federation of Music Clubs.

Mrs. Gabriel has studied with Ernst von Dohnanyi and with Darius Milhaud. Some of her compositions were heard most recently during a presentation of poetry and music with Dr. Rand Brandes of L-R.

New special programs dean

Dr. Regis Gilman has been appointed dean of special programs to direct and develop the college's existing Evening College and Summer School Programs and develop new academic programs that are consistent with the mission of the college. She will provide staff support for the college's graduate programs through recruitment activities designed to attract adult and graduate students. Another key component of the position, according to Gilman, is to work collaboratively with internal and external constituent groups in assessing and developing programs to meet their educational needs.

Gilman holds a doctorate in education from the University of Kansas and, for the last nine years, has been director of the Evening College at Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield, Mo.

LRYC hosts famed composer, pianist

The Lenoir-Rhyne Youth Chorus had a famed guest artist for their concert of Christmas music at First Methodist Church in Hickory.

Internationally-known jazz pianist and composer Loonis McGlohon of Charlotte is a two-time recipient of the prestigious Peabody Award and was inducted into the National Academy of Television & Arts Hall of Fame in 1998. He has played to a variety of international audiences: royalty at Glamis Castle in Scotland, college students in Shanghai and a world arts festival in Italy. Other venues include The Hermitage in Monte Carlo, the American Embassy in London, El Cave in Madrid and, recently, sold-out performances in London and Oxford, England. The Smithsonian commissioned one of McGlohon's recordings, and Guiness Encyclopaedia of Music has just included a lengthy biography of him. Two of his songs appear in the anthology, "The Most Beautiful Songs Ever Written."

Steelman lecturers

The Steelman Lecture Series was established 18 years ago by Hickory native Dr. Sanford Steelman, a 1943 L-R graduate. The lecture series brings foremost scientists from around the world to the L-R campus.

In September, Dr. Joann Burkholder, an aquatic biologist at North Carolina State University, spoke about an unpleasant microbe (neither a plant nor an animal) that has invaded our coastline and is currently wreaking havoc in our coastal rivers.

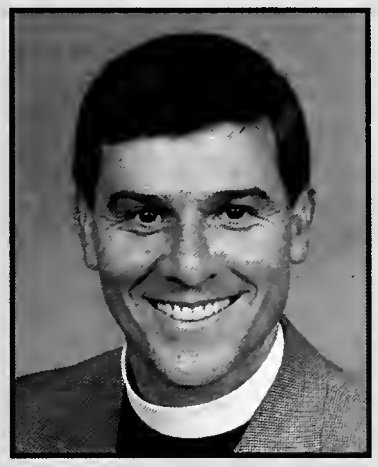
Burkholder is credited with being the first to identify the microbe called *Pfiesteria piscicida* and is now the world's foremost authority on the creature. Familiarly identified as "the cell from hell," it is estimated that the single-celled microbe killed one billion fish in a six-week period in 1991 in the Neuse River alone, and well over 10 million in 1995. People have also been severely affected by Pfiesteria, although no deaths have been attributed to Pfiesteria to date.

November brought Dr. George Parsons, director of rare reagents and analytical services for Chrion/Bayer Diagnostics in Walpole, Mass., to campus to speak on antibody-based medical testing and how it applies to diagnosing various conditions.

Dr. Parsons discussed detection and labeling of antibodies for Type II diabetes and pregnancy testing using antibody analysis. Various other clinical

Gaither

McCrorie



Clemmer

Three join trustees

Three distinguished men from North Carolina have joined the Lenoir-Rhyne College Board of Trustees: Hugh Gaither of Newton; Hansel R. (Hank) McCrorie of Charlotte and the Rev. Palmer D. Clemmer of Hendersonville.

Gaither is president and chief executive officer of Ridgeview Inc., a national and international hosiery manufacturing company in Newton. In addition to its recognized excellence in hosiery manufacture, Ridgeview has received recognition for four consecutive years as one of the "100 Best Companies" from *Working Mother* magazine. The magazine recognizes companies that use innovative measures to implement and promote "family- and women-friendly" policies.

Gaither is a graduate of Davidson College and holds an MBA from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He and his wife, Julie, are members of First Presbyterian Church in Newton, where he serves as an elder.

A business administration graduate of L-R (class of 1959), McCrorie is senior vice president of sales, U.S. Pharmaceuticals, Pfizer Inc., and manages the largest pharmaceutical sales force in the country. While at L-R, McCrorie was a four-year letterman, who played on both offensive and defensive lines and received numerous athletic awards, including the prestigious Voigt Cromer Award honoring the athlete who puts team before self.

McCrorie and his wife, Bernice, are members of Incarnation Lutheran Church in Charlotte. He is a past member of the college's board of visitors and is a member of the Piedmont Educational Foundation. He was inducted into Pfizer's Hall of Fame in 1994, the same year he was inducted into L-R's Sports Hall of Fame.

Clemmer, a 1974 graduate of Lenoir-Rhyne, received his master of divinity degree from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary and was ordained by the N.C. Synod of the Lutheran Church in America in 1978. He has served as a pastor in South Carolina and North Carolina and is currently senior pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Hendersonville.

A former L-R board member, Clemmer is married to the former Cynthia L. Long (Cindi) of Raleigh, also a Lenoir-Rhyne graduate. ■

Pictured from left to right, Darrell and Carolyn '85 Sigmon and Gerri and Virgil '55 Whitley are dressed to trip the light fantastic after yet another fabulous dinner aboard the Norwegian Dynasty, *during last year's Alumni Cruise to Alaska. This year's voyage will be a Vienna/Danube River Cruise. Watch for more information coming to you through the mail, or contact the Alumni Office for more details.*

immunoassays were surveyed, as they reveal the broad application of the techniques to conditions ranging from cancer to thyroid function. During his career in bioanalytical chemistry, Parsons has developed and commercialized more than 100 different assays (tests to determine characteristics) in a wide variety of formats. He has been awarded eight U.S. patents on immunoassay components and DNA probes and has published numerous papers and several book chapters.

Scheduled for April 3 is Dr. William Rathje, an archaeologist and garbologist from Arizona State University.

A salute to piano employees

A concerto for piano, percussion and orchestra, written by Hickory Metro Composer-in-Residence Dr. J. Mark Scearce, was introduced in November, featuring musicians from the Western Piedmont Youth Orchestra, Lenoir-Rhyne Youth Percussionists and solo pianist, L-R faculty member John Cheek. The performance, dedicated to the employees of the Lincolnton Plant, was conducted by Western Piedmont Symphony Music Director John Gordon Ross.

A life-long fan of Kawai pianos, Scearce sought out Allen Wilson, manager of Johnson Piano, soon after moving to the area in 1998. The composer hoped Wilson might be able to help him get a Kawai for use during his three-year residency in the area.

"Allen, already a stalwart patron of the arts in Hickory, was very supportive," said Scearce. "He took me to the Kawai factory in Lincolnton, where I met Dick Eckburg, director of manufacturing. I spoke to the gathered workers, played some of my music and then was presented with my choice of pianos coming off the line."

Now, halfway through his residency, Scearce has returned the favor and has written a piece on his Kawai piano with the factory in mind. In three movements, *The Piano Factory* describes in music Scearce's tour of the factory and the piano building process.

Scearce has come to the Hickory Metro Area as part of *New Residencies*, a national program of Meet The Composer, funded in Hickory through the generous support of the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation.

ELCA higher ed gets A+

Lenoir-Rhyne's dedication to the development of the whole person is a commitment shared by other Lutheran colleges and universities and is something we do well, according to "Reclaiming Lutheran Students," a study prepared by the Lutheran Educational Conference of North America (LECNA).

Providing students of all faiths with greater opportunities for the development of faith and values is just one area in which the 28 colleges and universities of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) excel in comparison to public colleges and universities. We are also more effective in: involving students in the classroom; creating interaction between students and professors; engaging students in internships, foreign study and other applied learning opportunities; generating student participation in music, theater, athletics, student service and other extracurricular programs; and integrating consideration of values and ethics in classroom discussions.

Graduates of ELCA colleges and universities are: better prepared for vocations, express a different set of values, more involved in their churches and communities, significantly more likely to graduate in four years, just as likely to have earned an advanced degree, have similar income levels and are more satisfied with the overall quality of the education they received than graduates of our counterparts.

About 600 each of alumni of other private colleges, leading public universities and other public colleges and universities were asked to what extent undergraduate experiences influence their careers and lives:

Lutheran vs. Public Higher Education

- **Emphasis on personal values and ethics, 85% vs. 35%;**
- **High-quality, teaching-oriented faculty, 90% vs. 76%;**
- **Small class size, 85% vs. 35%;**
- **Professors as mentors, 60% vs. 40% and**
- **Personal interaction between faculty and students, 80% vs. 50%.**

Sports highlights

Women's golf coach Terrance Stewart was named a member of the NCAA Division II Women's Golf South Region Advisory Committee. It is the responsibility of the committee to evaluate teams and individuals throughout the season to recommend sections for the championships. Stewart, in his second season as head coach, has won two team titles and two individual titles within that short time.

Ben Stewart, a junior defensive tackle from Taylorsville, N.C., and Casey Allen, a junior defensive back from Randleman, N.C., were named to the GTE Academic All-District III College Division Football Team as selected by CoSIDA, the College Sports Information Directors of America. To be eligible, individuals must maintain at least a 3.2 overall grade point average.

John Milem, a sophomore defensive end from Salisbury, N.C., was named to the 1999 Lutheran Brotherhood Lutheran College All-American Football First Team. He was also named to the All-South Atlantic Conference First Team. Allen was named to the honorable mention team.

Aquinas/Luther

This year's topic for the Aquinas/Luther Conference held in November, "Aquinas and Luther on the Holy Trinity," brought together distinguished Catholic and Lutheran theologians from Europe and America for a discussion of the central and unique doctrine of Christianity.

The keynote address was given by Otto Hermann Pesch, emeritus professor of systematic theology, University of Hamburg, Germany. The banquet address was presented by Phillip M. Johnson Sr., of the Society of the Holy Trinity, pastor, St. Paul Lutheran, Jersey City, N.J., and associate editor of *Lutheran Forum*. Lecturers included William T. Cavanaugh, department of theology, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minn., and associate editor of Pro Ecclesia; Brian E. Daley, S.J., department of theology, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Ind.; Robert W. Jenson, senior scholar for research, Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton, N.J., and co-editor of *Pro Ecclesia*; and William H. Lazareth, Bishop Emeritus, Metropolitan New York Synod and a member of the executive staff of the Center of Theological Inquiry in Princeton.

The festive ecumenical worship service, which opened the conference, included music by the L-R A Cappella Choir and Brass Ensemble.

Freshman numbers

This fall, 295 students representing 24 states and numerous foreign countries joined the L-R family. They are the brightest group to arrive at the college for a number of years, with an average SAT score of 1032 and an average GPA of 3.44.

Frank

Director named

Shawn Roland Frank has been named director of Support Services for Deaf/Hard-of-Hearing Students, previously known as Hearing Impaired Services.

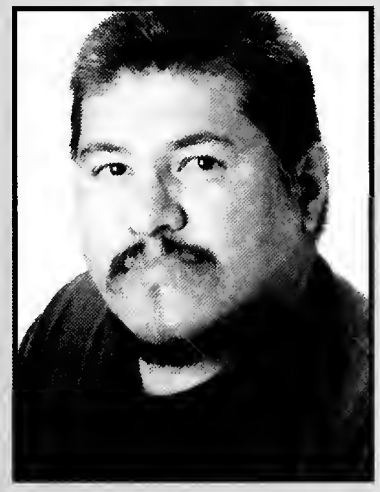
Due to the varying degrees of hearing loss (mild to severe) of the students served by the department, the name was changed to more appropriately reflect the program and the array of services provided to the students, according to Frank.

Frank served for seven years as sign language interpreter at the college with responsibilities that included interpreting classroom/laboratory instruction, directing the L-R Sign Troupe, serving as a mathematics instructor and providing tutoring assistance in mathematics and other courses. She was also an educational interpreter in the Catawba County School System.

Ms. Frank is a 1990 magna cum laude graduate of L-R and earned her master's of arts degree from Appalachian State University. She received state classification for interpreting in 1991 and is currently working toward obtaining national certification from the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf.

Ms. Frank lives in Hickory with her husband, Scott Frank, and their children, Kaitlyn and Madison. ■

Literary consortium

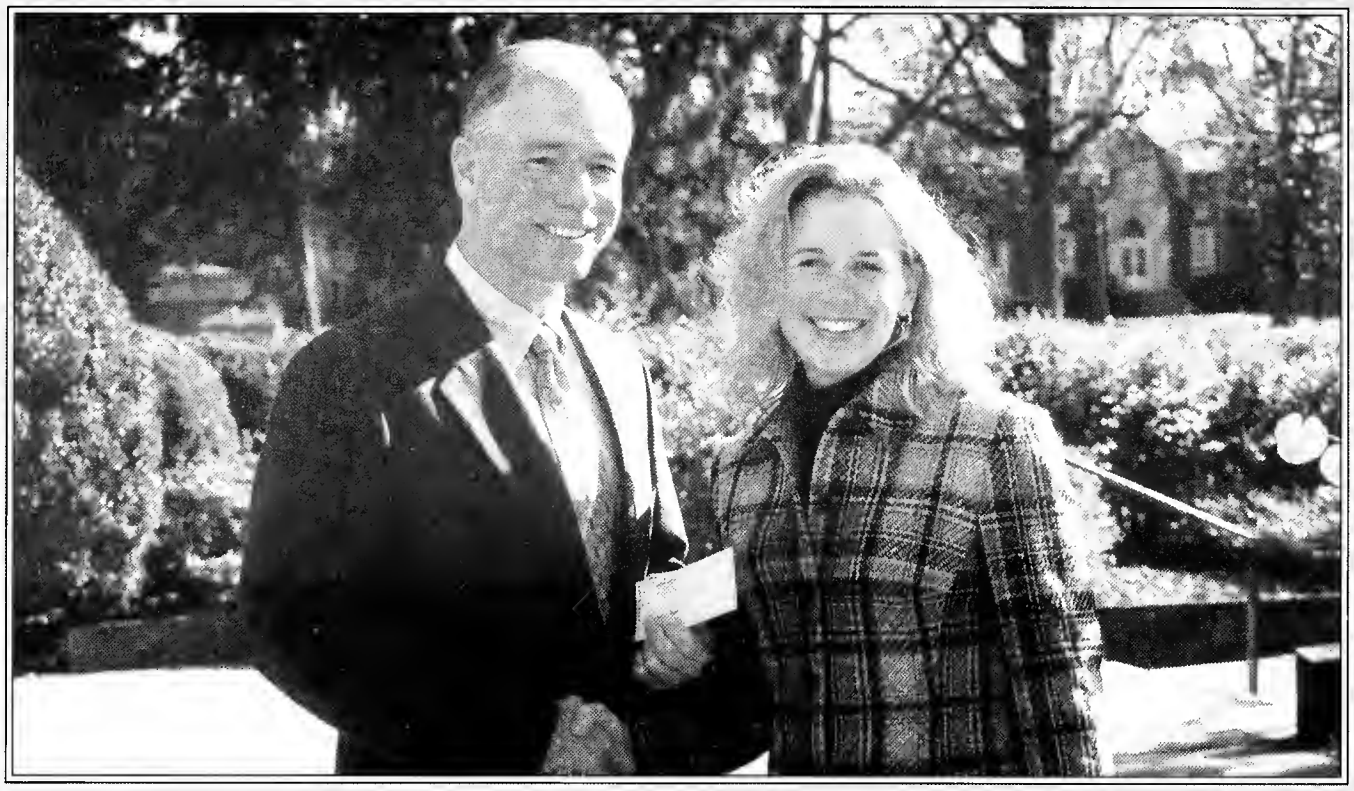


Rodriguez

Word Wide: Writers of the Americas has brought Latino author Luis Rodriguez to North Carolina as part of the North Carolina Literary Consortium (NCLC) in a 10-week residency from January 16 - April 9. Rodriguez, a nationally-known writer from Chicago, will perform public readings and writing workshops and participate in other literary and cultural events with Latino writers, readers and storytellers from North Carolina. The residency is the most broad-based and far-reaching literary project ever undertaken in North Carolina. It is estimated that Rodriguez will come in contact with nearly 10,000 people as he travels the state.

Word Wide will highlight the increasing cultural diversity of the state and broaden understanding of its diverse cultures by showcasing Latin American poetry and literature providing a role model of a successful artist to encourage aspiring writers who exist in all communities. The group will also conduct writing workshops, public readings, activities in classrooms, teacher workshops and family programs in cooperation with other writers, scholars and educators from the communities that will be visited.

Rodriguez visited Lenoir-Rhyne College as part of the college's Visiting Writers Series. The fiscal agent for the project is the North Carolina Writers' Network. The project has received support from the North Carolina Arts Council, an agency funded by the state of North Carolina, and from the National Endowment for the Arts. ■



L-R receives LB funds

Pictured above: Stephanie Shields, associate general agent for the Ed Blanton Agency, local agent for Lutheran Brotherhood, hands Bob Warren, vice president of institutional advancement, a check for $4,180. The funds were generated through the Member Matching Gift program, which matched 48 gifts from Lutheran Brotherhood members during the fourth quarter of 1999.

Lutheran Brotherhood's IMPACT program matches members' gifts of $25 to $100 per year to Lutheran institutions of higher learning nationwide. L-R has received $275,169 since IMPACT began in 1979. LB's cumulative giving to L-R over the decades exceeds $793,000.

Excellence in teaching

The Rev. Dr. Clarence Ross Ritchie Sr. Endowment Fund for Excellence in Teaching will provide support to salaries for faculty in both the religion and sacred music departments. Formed to perpetuate the memory of the Rev. Ritchie Sr., the endowment was established by his son and daughter-in-law, the Rev. Dr. C. Ross Ritchie Jr. '54, '80 HD and Jo Anne Hall Ritchie '54 of Chapin, S.C., and by Ritchie Sr.'s daughter, Barbara Ritchie Allran DeOrsey '53 of White Rock, S.C., all active alumni of the college.

Holt Scholarship

D. Lewis and Rachel Y. Holt of Elon College have established the Daniel C. and Irene T. Holt Scholarship Endowment Fund in memory of his parents who were lifelong educators. Daniel Holt served as principal in Elm City and Liberty, N.C., schools, while Irene Holt taught art.

Lewis Holt, an alumnus of N.C. State University and Milwaukee School of Engineering, was in the heating and air-conditioning business prior to his retirement. An Elon College graduate, Rachel Holt earned her graduate degrees from UNC-Chapel Hill. Before retirement, she was a member of the Elon College faculty, teaching in the social sciences department. Both Holts are active, long-time members of Macedonia Lutheran Church in Burlington, N.C.

For more information about these or other endowed funds at L-R, contact the Development Office at (828) 328-7125.

McCrorie Center gifts

"Health-related programs are an essential component of Lenoir-Rhyne's history and L-R's graduates will continue to impact the Western Piedmont in significant ways throughout the next millenium," said College President Dr. Ryan LaHurd. "We are most grateful to The Cannon Foundation and The First Gaston Foundation for these generous gifts."

Anatomy lab grant

L-R has received a total of $250,000 from The Cannon Foundation Inc. with its latest gift of $100,000, which will provide funds for a state-of-the-art, on-campus anatomy laboratory to be located within the McCrorie Center.

The anatomy laboratory is critical to the instruction and preparation of students who will be entering private and community settings. Current research in teaching of science and health-related programs indicates that laboratory experience is at the heart of excellent education in these areas.

Gaston grant

The college has received a grant of $25,000 from the First Gaston Foundation to provide funds for the McCrorie Center, a facility designed to offer the most technologically-advanced learning environment for students in the health sciences including nursing, occupational therapy and sports medicine.

Presently, student enrollment in nursing, occupational therapy and sports medicine comprises nearly one-third of the college's total undergraduate enrollment. The fully-accredited nursing program is one of only four programs offered by a private college in North Carolina. The college's sports medicine/athletic training program is one of only 10 institutions to receive accreditation by the Commission of Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs at its October 1999 board of directors meeting. Occupational therapy, the college's newest allied health program, is one of only two accredited undergraduate programs in the state, and the only such program at a private liberal arts college on the eastern seaboard between Florida and Pennsylvania.

"Virtually every student from all three disciplines receive their registrations and licenses at their first opportunity to apply," LaHurd noted. ■

Vance has Gold Medal in sight

Lenoir-Rhyne College women's soccer player Diana Vance is more than three-quarters of the way home to one the nation's most prestigious awards, the Congressional Gold Medal of Honor. And, the way she is working, it is entirely possible that the senior from Stuart, Fla., could finish the award requirements as early as this summer.

Vance first heard about the Congressional Medal of Honor three-level program when she was in high school. Her school counselor, who was involved in the program, believed Vance would be a good candidate.

It turned out she was. "When I heard about the program, I thought it would be a good way to get involved helping other people," she said.

Vance earned her bronze medal while a freshman in high school and the silver medal in her junior year. It was an exciting time for her as her accomplishments led to recognition from her community and, also, gained her a much-envied private audience with Prince Phillip of Wales at the World Royal Gala in West Palm Beach, Fla. Prince Phillip, she explained, is a big supporter of the program.

With two of the three steps behind her, Vance began developing her program to earn her gold medal in the fall semester of her sophomore year at Lenoir-Rhyne. She submitted her plan to the Congressional Gold Medal of Honor committee and, after several months, her program was approved in July 1998. Now, it was time to go to work.

There are four program areas in which gold medal seekers must perform a minimum amount of hours, with validation, to receive the gold medal: voluntary public service, personal development, physical fitness and a choice of expedition or exploration. The criteria for the gold level includes a minimum age (18), and the performance of 400 hours of voluntary public service, with 200 hours each in personal development and physical fitness, and 40 hours of expedition/exploration over a minimum of a two-year period.

"When I heard about the program, I thought it would be a good way to get involved helping other people,"

"I wanted to go for the gold medal because I wanted to finish something I started back in high school," Vance said. "Also," she admitted, "it would be nice to be recognized by the U.S. Congress. It would show hard work does pay off." The award is presented at an annual United States Congress ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Fortunately, her personal development qualifications fell under her part-time job at Lenoir-Rhyne. During the past three years, Vance worked in the Annual Fund Office, where her responsibilities included phone calling and bulk mailings. She has also helped out in the Planned Giving Office and the President's Office. As a result, her 200 hours for the award were completed in just one year.

Two of the other areas—physical fitness and expedition/exploration—she completed also in just one year. As a member of L-R's soccer team, her physical fitness requirements were easily obtained because of the numerous hours of practice, matches and conditioning that were required of her as part of the team. In addition to soccer, Vance also enjoys running and racquetball.

Vance elected to take the expedition route for the third part of the program. During the semester break in 1998, she participated in a trip to Myakka State Park near Sarasota, Fla., which included camping, canoeing, hiking and a visit to the historic area of downtown Sarasota.

The only program area she has yet to finish is volunteer public service. There was just so much the active senior (who is expected to graduate in May with a degree in business administration) could fit into her busy schedule. However, with the other requirements now completed, she was able to begin work on the final area this fall.

During the 1999 semester break, Vance volunteered at the West Palm Beach (Fla.) Veteran Affairs Medical Center, where her mother works. She was familiar with the Center as she had worked in several departments such as physical therapy, occupational therapy and office work, while working towards her bronze and silver medals. To gain hours while on campus this spring, Vance is volunteering at Frye Regional Medical Center in Hickory.

Vance believes the gold medal program has a lot of potential for growth throughout the country. "Not many states have this program, and it is really good for kids," she said. "It keeps them out of trouble; they get medals, and (if they go all the way through the program) could possibly meet the vice president of the United States. I just wish more states would get into it."

If, and when, Vance does receive the gold medal, her contribution to the program won't stop. "I have been asked to be an advisor or validator to the program, and that's fine with me," she said.

Dr. Jane Jenkins, athletics director and chair of Lenoir-Rhyne's Healthful Living and Sports Studies Program and Vance's advisor on her gold medal program, also sees rewards from the program. "This is the kind of well-rounded effort we like to see from our student-athletes," said Jenkins. "It benefits everyone involved." P

Gathered around Margaret and Tony Jackson in the conference room last fall are L-R alums, left to right, back row: David Bolick '99, Jon Porter '98, Chris Frye '96, and Len Bartlett '96; front row: Chris Campbell '98, Ben Payseur '99, Cindy Bonacum Taylor '96, Wade Wolgemuth '96 and Eric Johnston '96.

L-R means good business

"Nobody is right all of the time. Conversely, nobody is wrong all of the time. At some point in time, everyone has some good ideas. The goal is to sort these out and utilize the good ideas."

–JEROME BOLICK

Former Business Leaders of the Year join Bolick, fourth from left, at the awards luncheon held Feb. 16.

From left to right, honorees and the year of their award: Thomas Reese 1998, George Blackwelder Jr. 1990, Boyd George 1994, Bolick, Sen. James Broyhill 1986, Charles Snipes 1991, John Forlines Jr. 1996, and Steve Neuville, last year's recipient. James Phillips 1992, D. Joe Long 1993 and Ann Gaither 1995 were not in attendance. Deceased honorees were also honored: Harley F. Shuford 1987, Wallace Jorgenson 1988, Lee George 1989 and Glenn C. Hilton, Jr. 1997.

Nearly 200 business leaders attended the event, which was sponsored by L-R's 104-member Business Council. The board is chaired by Dale Hall, with Steve Neuville as vice chair.

Jerome W. Bolick, well-known furniture manufacturer and community civic leader, was honored during the Lenoir-Rhyne College Business Council's annual award luncheon at the Holiday Inn Select in Hickory.

Formed in 1926, Southern Furniture, which makes upholstered furniture and casegoods, opened with only two employees. Today, Southern operates six plants employing some 800 skilled workers and its facilities cover more than a million square feet.

Bolick joined the family business in 1955, after graduating from UNC-Chapel Hill and serving two years in the U.S. Navy. Following the death of his father in 1968, Bolick became president of Southern Furniture and a leader in the industry as well. In 1994, he served as president of the American Furniture Manufacturers Association. He is currently still serving as a member of the board.

The growth of the business has become a self-contained operation under Bolick's leadership. Yet, despite the time and energy it has taken to develop Southern into the furniture industry giant it is today, Bolick has still made time for civic contributions. He has served on a variety of boards, often holding a high office, for such groups as the YMCA of Catawba County, Catawba County Chamber of Commerce, Newton-Conover Rotary Club, Catawba Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees, L-R development board, Catawba County Mental Health Board. He is also a past scoutmaster of Troop 3 in Conover. ■

When you walk into the offices of THE JACKSON GROUP, you might think an L-R young alumni chapter meeting was taking place, but you'd be wrong.

Out of the twenty-some employees at Tony and Margaret Jackson's company, two-thirds are recent graduates of the college, many of whom were still in diapers when the Jacksons established their business twenty-five years ago as of April 1. The company that began as health-care management consultants has branched out into three separate divisions: employee and customer surveying; management development, customer service and intervention; and JACKSON GROUP Interactive, a multimedia production company.

"We are a very young company," said Tony Jackson of his work force. "It was something we decided to do; we made a conscious decision to hire recent graduates. We expect turnover, but we try to counter that with perks and career development paths. It creates a culture that is exciting, enthusiastic and fun!"

Members of the Class of 1969, Tony and Margaret Huss Jackson weren't the first in their families to attend L-R. "There are more than fifteen L-R grads in our family since the 1930s, and this year we have a freshman, sophomore, junior and senior represented," said Margaret, "Most of us even met our spouses there." It is little wonder, then, they turn to the college for their office family.

"L-R enrolls good people. Good people make for good relationships, and good relationships are good for business. The breadth of the students coming from such a liberal arts focus results in vocal, active people with admirable qualities. Basically, we just like the way L-R does it," stated Tony. "I feel for people who aren't liberal arts graduates. They often become disenchanted with their chosen careers and don't have the skills to make a change."

As the Jacksons work toward retirement as co-chairmen and senior consultants, they have passed the torch to their son Alan, now president of the company, and stock ownership to their other two children: Brian, a doctoral candidate at UVA and Mary Margaret, a sophomore at L-R. But they are finding it difficult to let go: "I think this past year we took, what? One day of vacation?" Tony asked his wife. She nodded, and they smiled. They've created an inviting, dynamic office with well-educated Hickory residents. It is no wonder they find it difficult to step back. ■

Lenoir-Rhyne College Alumni Association
Board of Directors Candidates, 2000-01

President
(Vote for one)

Andrea Triplette Benfield '62
Newton, N.C.

Occupation
Retired Social Work Administrator

Education
AB, LRC; MSW, UNC Chapel Hill

Community Activities
Sunday School teacher and Church Sesquicentennial Committee; Children's Protection Council president; Love n' Care Child Development Center & Barium Springs Home for Children board member; former board member and chair of Lutheran Family Services in the Carolinas

Lenoir-Rhyne Activities
SGA secretary, Playmakers, *Hacawa* staff, *Lenoir-Rhynean* staff, Kappa Delta, Miss Lenoir Rhyne, Alumni Board member, Annual Fund Committee, Centennial Campaign sub committee, Opal Moretz Service to Community Award

Judy Kluttz Sink '66
Boone, N.C.

Occupation
Teacher

Education
AB, LRC; MA, ASU

Community Activities
Church Council, Altar Guild, WELCA, Youth Advisor

Lenoir-Rhyne Activities
Program Board, Campus Guides, Fine Arts Committee, Spring Festival, *Lenoir-Rhynean*, cheerleader, Kappa Delta, Miss Lenoir-Rhyne, ACE, Alumni Board, Alumni Assn. VP., OCOF Campaign, Awards Committee

Vice-President
(Vote for two)

Jeff Norris Jr. '78
Lenoir, N.C.

Occupation
Credit Department Manager

Education
AB, LRC

Community Activities
President, St. Stephens Lutheran Church, Church Council, choir

Lenoir-Rhyne Activities
Choir, tennis team, Caldwell County Chapter chair

Ann Dasher Hendrix '82
Lexington, S.C.

Occupation
Stay-at-home mom

Education
AB, LRC; Course work in public administration, USC

Community Activities
School volunteer, PTA president, School Improvement Council, Sunday School teacher, Congregational Life Committee chair

Lenoir-Rhyne Activities
Tennis, Sigma Kappa Sorority president, Alumni Board, Nominating Committee, Homecoming Committee

William (Bill) Rhyne Jr. '90
Matthews, N.C.

Occupation
Director of Industrial Engineering

Education
BS, LRC; MS, Georgia Tech

Community Activities
Business volunteer for Junior Achievement, senior member and Board of Directors for Charlotte Chapter of Institute of Industrial Engineers, United Way volunteer, active church member

Lenoir-Rhyne Activities
Elected to two terms on Alumni Assoc. Board of Directors, Awards Committee, Homecoming Committee, Chapter volunteer

Timothy P. Allen '91
Hickory, N.C.

Occupation
Manufacturer's Representative

Education
AB, LRC

Community Activities
Big Brothers/Big Sisters volunteer, Holy Trinity Men's Ministry Comm., YMCA volunteer coach

Lenoir-Rhyne Activities
Centennial observance committee (student chairman), Lineberger Honors Scholar, Theta Chi, Prologue leader and coordinator, student court, intramural sports, Alumni Board, Awards Committee, Alumni Chapter volunteer

Board of Directors
(Vote for six)

Nancy Mauney Pannell '55
Conover, N.C.

Occupation
Retired Teacher

Education
AB, LRC

Community Activities
Foster Care Review (community representative), Catawba County DSS, Meals on Wheels, Family Friends Program, Children's Protection Council, Catawba County Task Force on Aging

Lenoir-Rhyne Activities
Lutheran Student Assoc., Honor Roll, ACE, Les Amies, *Lenoir-Rhynean* Business Staff, Homecoming sponsor, YWCA

Luther Boliek '59
Greenville, S.C.

Occupation
Retired Banker

Education
AB, LRC; Executive Development School, Univ. of Ga.; Graduate School of Savings and Loans, Indiana University; Executive Program, UNC Chapel Hill

Community Activities
Past chair, vice-chair and president of Greenville County American Red Cross, Greenville County Planning Commission, Community Foundation of Greater Greenville, Greater Greenville Chamber of Commerce, United Way, United Way Palmetto Society Operating Committee, March of Dimes Walk, Commissioner of S.C. Housing Finance and Development Authority, named Boss of the Year by Greenville National Secretaries Assoc., Youth basketball coach, Sunday School teacher, co-chair Capital Funds Drive, Congregational Council, vice-chair, past delegate to synod and national Lutheran

Church conventions, past vice-chair and current board member Lutheran Homes of S.C.

Lenoir-Rhyne Activities
President of freshman and junior class, Who's Who, Theta Chi

Jo Bridges Darnell '71
Hickory, N.C.

Occupation
Sales

Education
AB, LRC; MS, Winthrop University

Community Activities
Hickory Community Chapel (kitchen, women's bible study), former member Hickory Jr. Women's Club

Lenoir-Rhyne Activities
Lenoir-Rhynean, Program Board, Sigma Kappa, Dean's List, resident counselor, Panhellenic Council, Who's Who, PEF, former Sigma Kappa Sorority advisory committee member, Alumni Board

John Hall '72
Hickory, N.C.

Occupation
Business Owner

Education
AB, LRC; MA, ASU

Community Activities
Sunday School teacher, Psalter Choir, United Way Board of Directors, Chamber of Commerce Chairman's Club, Hickory Rotary Club, Business Technology Assoc.

Lenoir-Rhyne Activities
SGA, *Lenoir-Rhynean* editor, Sports Information, Homecoming chair, Student of the Month, Honor graduate, Loyalty Fund chair

Judy Mosbach Allran '74
Hickory, N.C.

Occupation
Bank Teller

Education
AB, LRC

Community Activities
Service League of Hickory, Hickory City Schools volunteer, PTA treasurer, Hickory Landmarks Society, Hickory Museum of Art, Bible Study Fellowship, serving on various church boards, past Sunday School and Vacation Bible School teacher, active in husband's state senate campaigns

Lenoir-Rhyne Activities
Hacawa staff

Greg Fuller '79
Hays, N.C.

Occupation
Director of Purchasing/Logistics

Education
AB, LRC

Community Activities
Council of Logistics Management, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

Lenoir-Rhyne Activities
Football, Theta Chi, Circle K, Class agent, Annual Fund Phon-a-thon, Class Reunion chair, Alumni Admissions volunteer

J. Scott Southern '82
Wilmington, N.C.

Occupation
Real Estate Salesperson

Education
AB, LRC

Community Activities
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Kiwanis, Coach for coed youth volleyball and softball teams, manager for boys basketball team

Lenoir-Rhyne Activities
Playmakers, A Cappella Choir, Alpha Psi Omega, Marching Band, ZTA big brother, coordinator for post-game alumni receptions

Mary Beth Finley Farris '85
Lexington, N.C.

Occupation
Director/Preschool Teacher

Education
AB, LRC; Currently enrolled in Licensing Program for Birth-Kindergarten Ed.

Community Activities
Sunday School teacher, Family Christmas Night director, VBS teacher, Preschool board member

Lenoir-Rhyne Activities
RA, Chapter chair, Reunion Committee

Eric "Smiley" Brandon '89
Fayetteville, N.C.

Occupation
Methodist College Director of Admissions

Education
AB, LRC

Community Activities
Host family for Methodist student, Southland Pines Community Watch chair, Rayconda Community Watch, Mentor and Scheduling Committee/Annual Conference presenter, CACRAO, Independent Colleges Higher Education Counselors Tour Committee, N.C. Educational Consultant, N.C. Outward Bound, College Court, taught mentally retarded adults independent living and job skills

Lenoir-Rhyne Activities
Phi Beta Lambda, football (co-captain, All District, Best Lineman), track, P.E. Club, BSA, RA, student assistant coach-football, Who's Who, Dean's List, Scholastic All American, African American Alumni Board of Advisors

Ann Merck MacLellan '89
Ellicott City, Md.

Occupation
Associate Professor of Sociology

Education
AB, LRC; MA and Certification in Gerontology, Graduate School of Baltimore; Ph.D. candidate, UM College Park

Community Activities
Foster Care Review Board, Chancel Choir, American Educational Research Association, third-year project assistant for federal grant on reconstitution-eligible schools

Lenoir-Rhyne Activities
Tennis, Chaplain of KD sorority, Harlaxton

Marie Mayse Johnston '97
Hickory, N.C.

Occupation
Teacher

Education
AB, LRC

Community Activities
Active church member, WELCA, N.C., Assoc. of Educators, faculty sponsor of Student Council

Lenoir-Rhyne Activities
Student Court representative, Delta Zeta, Student N.C. Assoc. of Educators, senior class representative

Chris Campbell '98
Hickory, N.C.

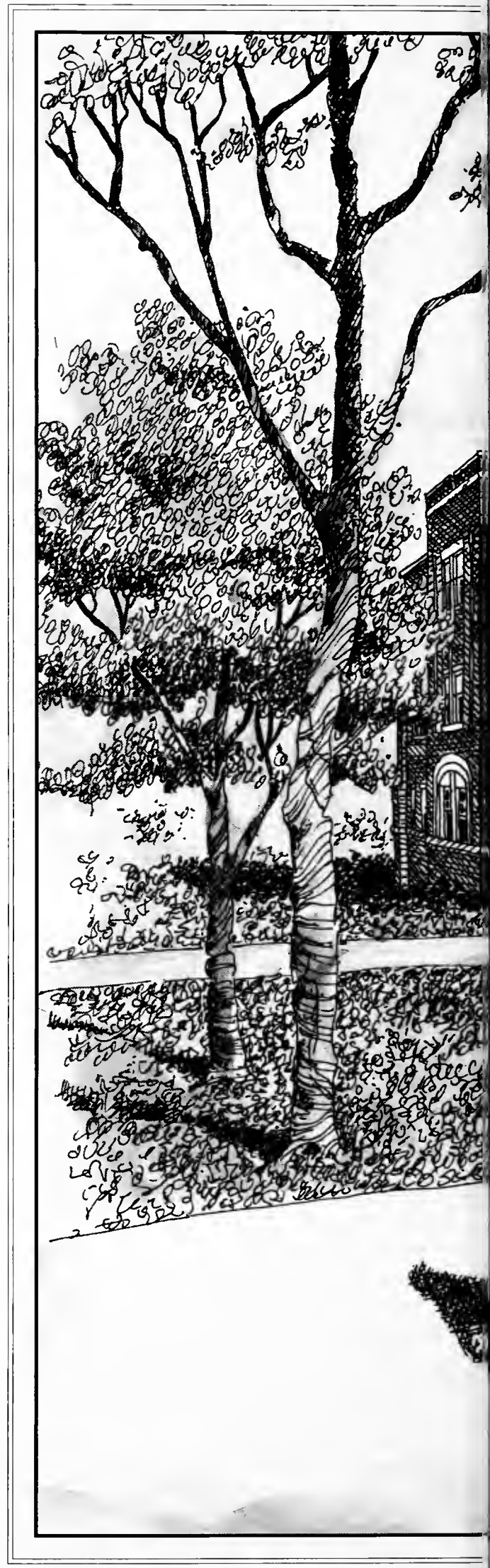
Occupation
Client Consultant

Education
AB, LRC

Community Activities
Member of Catawba Valley Ski Club, Sugar Mountain ski patrol

Lenoir-Rhyne Activities
Class president, Theta Chi, Board of Trustees Committee on Instruction & Student Life, Presidential Ambassador, Prologue leader, special events chairperson for CAB, Model United Nations team delegate, Class Agent, Alumni Career Connections program

"Building" on our heritage



There is an electric current of excitement generating through the college today that extends from the board room to the classrooms to the cafeteria to the athletic fields. The word is out! Lenoir-Rhyne is building a new student residence hall! Named The Living-Learning Center, it is the first new (not renovated) student residence built on campus since Price Village was completed in 1974. Groundbreaking ceremonies will take place on March 17. The residence hall will be ready for occupancy in the Fall of 2001.

The building of the new residence fulfills an objective of L-R's strategic plan approved in 1995 by the L-R Board of Trustees. The vision expressed in the plan seeks to ensure that the college "will be and will have the reputation for being a community of learning—dynamic, rigorous and caring: based in and exhibiting Christian principles—outstanding in preparation of the total student for leadership and service in the global environment." Later, with the assistance of faculty, staff and students, six goals were developed which, when completed, would propel the college into the new millenium with confidence and pride.

"Increasing globalization of communications and trade, the intensifying impact of the computer on everyday living, the apparent fractures in our social structure, and the changing composition of our population: all these things called for a response," explained Dr. Ryan LaHurd, college president. "We cannot ignore these changes and still successfully maneuver through life in America at the dawn of the third millennium. Yet," he added, "we did not want to lose ourselves or our values in the midst of this change."

Goal Four—within the context of the master plan—is to provide an up-to-date, aesthetically-pleasing, and well-maintained physical plant that sustains the programs and activities of the college. L-R's commitment to educating the whole person will be supported by this facility which brings together the social, intellectual, spiritual, aesthetic and physical aspects of student development.

"We're thrilled and excited about our new Living-Learning Center," said Anita Johnson Gwin, L-R vice president for student affairs and dean of students. "Research has shown that students today are not satisfied with the more familiar idea of a college

The Board of Trustees of Lenoir-Rhyne College

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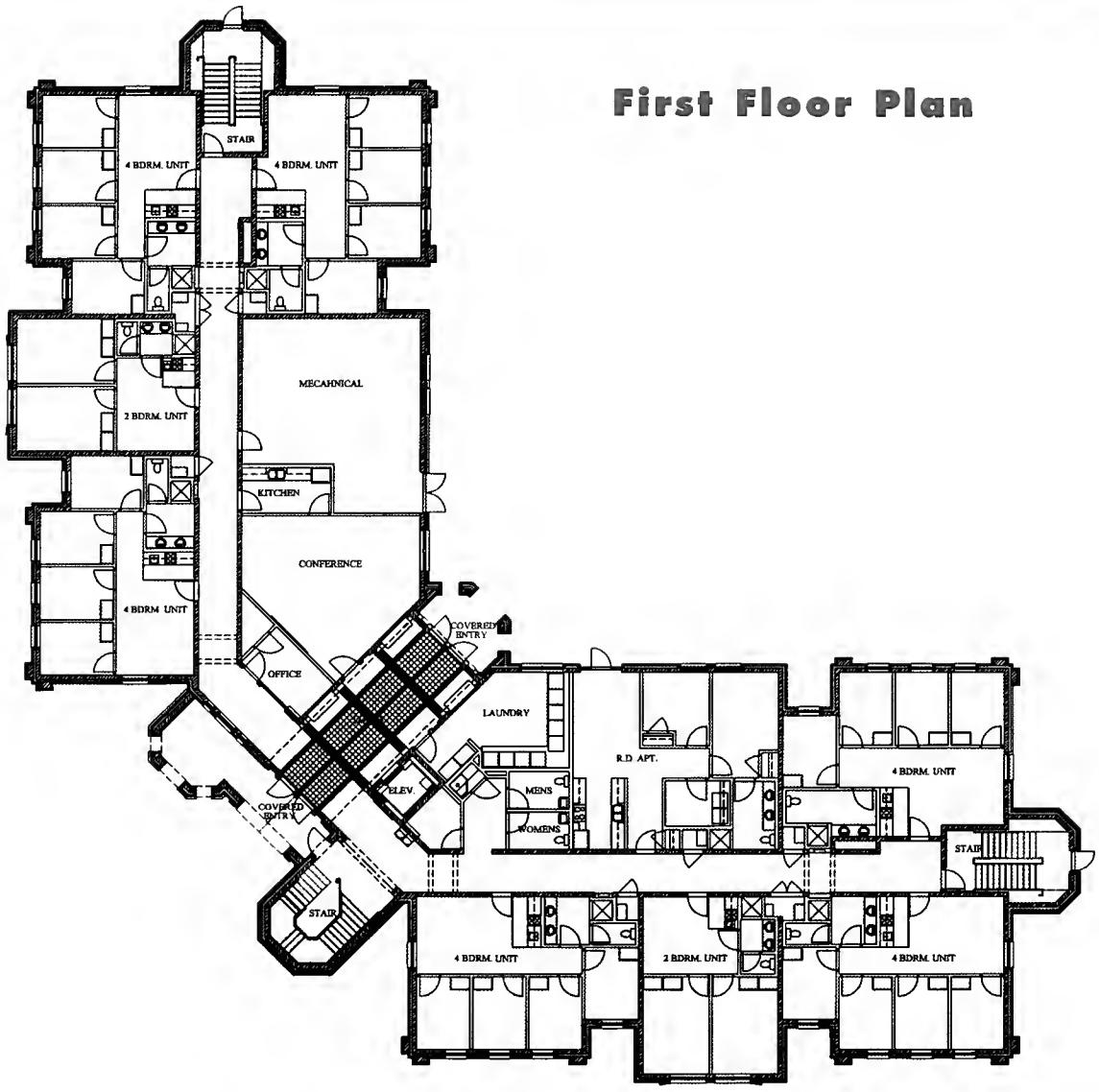
THE LIVING-LEARNING CENTER

10 A.M. FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2000

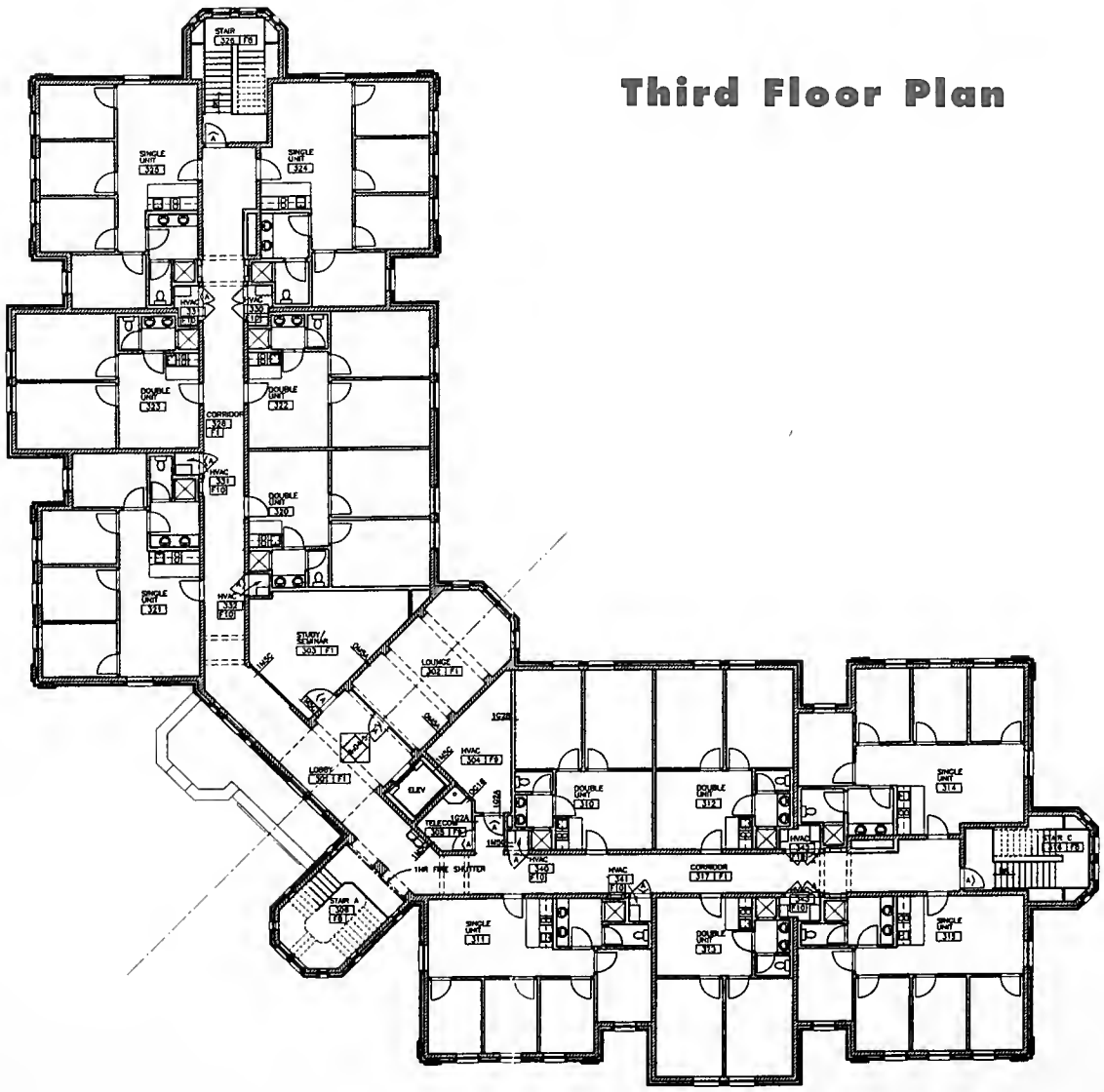
SIXTH STREET NE, BETWEEN
EIGHTH AVENUE NE AND PRICE VILLAGE

Limited event parking available at the corner of Sixth Street NE and Eighth Avenue NE

Floor Plans



First Floor Plan



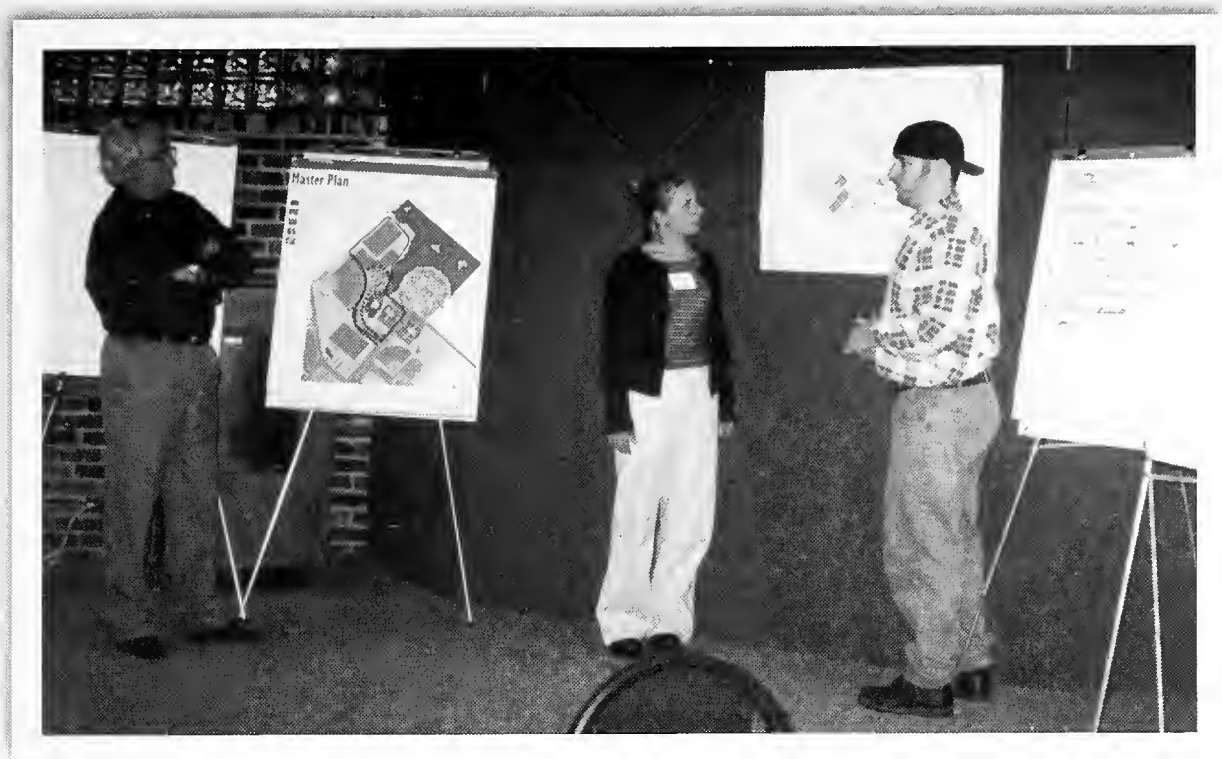
Third Floor Plan

dormitory. Times change. Many of our young people were not raised in large families as perhaps their parents and grandparents were. Before they came to college, most did not have to share a bedroom. Many did not even have to share a bath. As a consequence, their demands for living accommodations are more in keeping with the life from which they came. They want privacy. They want to live in an aesthetically-pleasing atmosphere. Yet they still want what college students have traditionally wanted: areas for recreation and room for collaboration. We believe our new Living-Learning Center will fill those needs and much, much more." In fact, the initial design for the building was suggested by students in several interactive design sessions with the architects.

"I thought it was a great idea for them to listen to us," said Mike DiStefano, a junior from Baltimore, Md., who is one of the students who participated in the design sessions. "There were so many different ideas that I felt bad for the architects having to select and then address them in their plans," he admits, "But they did a great job of listening. They were very receptive to what we had to say." DiStephano said he felt strongly about apartment-style living quarters and may get a chance to experience them first-hand, "I'm studying to be an athletic trainer, and I'll be staying on for a fifth year. So, with the completion date being Fall 2001, I'd like to live there if I'm given the opportunity."

To be constructed on 6th Street NE between the college soccer field and the Price Village residence hall, The Living-Learning Center will house 128 L-R juniors and seniors, with housing priority given to seniors. A first-floor apartment will be made available for a faculty-in-residence, a European concept that brings an academician into a student dwelling. Space exists for that professor to hold small classes and seminars in the building. It is hoped that senior and junior students will be able to self-govern, thereby precluding the need to have student resident assistants (RAs) in the facility.

The 36,000-square-foot, three-story residence hall consists of two wings, set at a 90-degree angle; each wing



Students were an integral part of the design process.

contains both single and double bedrooms. Each apartment also has a kitchen and bath which will be shared by four students. Common areas exist at the intersection of the two wings and include a lobby, laundry and vending, gathering and meeting spaces, lounge and study areas. Students' comfort and safety are major priorities. A sprinkler system will be installed throughout the building, as well as security-card access to gain entry to the facility.

"One of the goals of the project was to develop the building, the surrounding streetscape and playing fields in a manner that created an extension of the larger campus that reached out to areas that currently seem isolated," said a representative from Little and Associates of Charlotte, architects for the residence hall. "In addition, much thought was given to the architectural design of the building. For instance, the building will be predominately red brick, and its sloped roofs, arches, and buttresses hint at the neo-Gothic architecture of L-R's older buildings, the Rhyne and Mauney-Schaeffer buildings."

"There is, however, a much greater benefit at work here than just pleasing our students, although that is critically important," noted Gwin. Research, she explained, has shown that when colleges are able to build thriving residence life programs, their student body's entire collegiate experience is enhanced.

College and university research also shows that on-campus living plays a major role in advancing a positive college experience. Students who live on campus take part in the community atmosphere that is built when a diverse group of students live and learn in close proximity. It has also been found that students who live in on-campus housing are twelve-percent more likely to remain in college and graduate than students who have not had this experience.

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Other research reports that those who live in residence halls have been found to be more satisfied with their college experiences than those who live off-campus, and they are much more involved in extracurricular activities.

Of course, everything that promotes student involvement in the entire college experience is of primary importance to L-R, as it helps the college fulfill its mission: to be deeply concerned with the development of the whole person....to seek to liberate mind and spirit, clarify personal faith, foster physical wholeness, build a sense of community, and promote responsible leadership for service in the world.

"Our goal, as always, has been to define the point of intersection between who Lenoir-Rhyne College is and has been, and the continuing demands of change and opportunities for new development. We want to remain true to who we are, but we also must respond to the world around us and the needs of our college community," said LaHurd.

Skip Duhlstine, L-R vice president administration and finance, expanded on LaHurd's statement. "We view the campus and its buildings as the primary physical resource and endowment of the college, a gift from our predecessors," he said. "Changes and development in the college's programs, growth, technological developments and newly-added programs have created needs for expansion." To begin this growth as soon as possible, the college is financing the new $4.9 million complex by issuing tax-exempt bonds through the authority of the N.C. Educational Facilities Financing Agency and by donors' gifts. Local firm Hickory Construction has been awarded the building project.

Duhlstine continued, "So, while Lenoir-Rhyne is building its new residence hall, plans are also going forward to find funds for our much needed McCrorie Center (to house nursing, occupational therapy and sports medicine programs and additional athletic facilities) and for a building that will house a chapel and an enhanced theatre space."

Tom Reese, member of the L-R Board of Trustees and chair of the building and grounds committee is pleased with the progress that has been made toward L-R's goals. "We are moving forward, and the results of our endeavors will reap enormous benefits for our students today and our students yet to come."

To follow an on-going update of the construction of the Living-Learning Center, go to the L-R website at www.lrc.edu and click on Student Information and then Student Affairs. ■

FACULTY NOTES

Achievements and Honors

The ***L-R chapter of the International Television Association (ITVA)*** won student chapter of the year again at a Washington D.C. ceremony.

Dr. Beverly Craig, professor of nursing and health education liason, was recognized for serving nine years (three terms) on the Catawba County Board of Health. She was chairman for two of those years.

Maria Manning Armstrong, director of communications, along with Steve Bean of the Hickory Museum of Art, received a Gold Award for promotional material developed for "A Visual Dialogue Through the Americas," exhibit which took place last January. The award was given at the Southeastern Museums Conference (SEMC).

Conferences

Laurie Speidel, staff interpreter for support services for deaf/hard-of-hearing students, participated in the four-day workshop, "Filling in the Gaps" at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Dr. Kathy Whitesell, Dr. Gail Summer and ***Carol Osteyee*** of the education department attended the 17th Annual Teacher Education Forum in Raleigh.

Berk Smith, assistant professor of history, attended a biennial meeting of the Historical Society of N.C. at UNC Chapel Hill. Smith also attended the Southern Historical Association's 95th annual conference in Fort Worth, Texas. He helped arrange and served as chair of the conference panel, "Education and Cultural Identity in Modern Britain," sponsored by the Southern Conference on British Studies.

Dick Hull and ***Dr. Gail Miles*** of computing services attended the southeastern Consortium for Computing in Small Colleges (CCSC) conference in Augusta, Ga. Gail is on the board of CCSC and both are members of the steering committee for the conference. Hull is the advisor to the two programming teams that participated against 20 other schools in a programming contest at the conference. L-R has placed at least one team in the top two positions for the past two years and is the only school to place in the top three two years in a row.

Sylvia Bradshaw and ***Dr. Linda Reece*** of the nursing department served as delegates from Catawba County at the North Carolina Nurses Association (NCNA) convention.

Presentations

Faculty from the occupational therapy department spoke at the North Carolina Occupational Therapy Association (NCOTA) 40th Annual Conference: ***Sally Jackson*** and ***Toni Oakes*** made a presentation on the OT department's nontraditional community-based fieldwork project; ***Brenda Kennell*** made two presentations: "Human Genome Education Model Project: Ethical, Legal and Social Implications" and "Legal and Ethical Issues in Student Supervision;" and ***Dr. Susan Stallings-Sahler*** presented "Patterns of Sensory Integrative Dysfunction: Their Impact in Occupation."

Stephen Bird, assistant professor of communication, had his paper, "Partisans or Protestors?: A Glimpse at the Danville, Virginia Civil War Press and Its Handling of the Yankee Prisoner Issue," presented at the Symposium on the Civil War Press held at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga.

Dr. Martha Rhyne-Winkler, professor of education, presented in the Trivette Memorial Pediatric Symposium for Frye Regional Medical Center. The symposium title was "Eating: Too Much, Too Little." She spoke on the diagnosis of anorexia nervosa and bulimia nervosa, the subjective world of the person with an eating disorder, as well as myths and misconceptions surrounding these life-threatening illnesses.

Dr. Jeremy Fisher, director of institutional research, co-presented the paper, "The Effectiveness of Institutional Effectiveness: Doing an Institutional Effectiveness Survey on the Web," at the Southern Association for Institutional Research annual meeting in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Drs. Dale and ***Wayne King*** of the business department presented the paper, "Ethical Internet Commerce, Fact or Fiction," at the Ethics of Electronic Information in the 21st Century Symposium at the University of Memphis.

Dr. Sue Goldstein, assistant professor of education, presented a talk on literary groups, "One Topic, Many Books," at a conference for the National Association for Gifted Children in Albuquerque, N.M.

Dr. Gail Summer, associate professor of education, co-presented a paper delivered to the annual conference of the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The paper, "We All Belong and Assistive Technology/Adaptive Equipment Helps!" was co-authored with Kathy Giovannini, preschool coordinator with the Hickory Public Schools, and Carol Houston, speech therapist with the Hickory Developmental Evaluation Center.

Publications

In a collaborative effort with nursing faculty across the state, ***Dr. Beverly Craig*** wrote the article, "Elder Abuse: Some African American Views," which was published in the September issue of the *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.

Miscellaneous

Kerry Thompson, assistant professor of nursing, is finishing her second term on the board of directors for the N.C. League for Nursing.

Dr. Russ Benton, professor of history and the immediate past president of the Hickory Landmarks Society, will continue to serve on its board of directors next year and will chair the nominating committee.

Nursing faculty ***Sylvia Bradshaw, Kathy Collins, Mary Jo Danner, Judy Hilton, Linda Reece, Elizabeth Silvey*** and ***Kerry Thompson*** completed the on-line course "Assessment Strategies for Nurse Educators: Test Development and Item Writing." The course was sponsored by the National Council of State Boards on Nursing, Inc./ Special Services Division.

Dr. Susan Stallings-Sahler taught a 6-day workshop in Lisbon, Portugal, for the Portuguese Cerebral Palsy Association. In Hong Kong, Susan and colleague, Dr. Ricardo Carrasco, taught the course series leading to certification in sensory integration practice.

Dr. Robert Winter, chair of the art department, has been selected to serve on an international team of artists who are working on an Art and Restoration Glossary Operating System (ARGOS), which compiles every term, definition and technical description ever coined in the history of the arts. The glossary will be written in French, Italian, Spanish and English and will be available on-line. Winter is the only U.S. professor asked to help with this project and is working with three people at the Institute for the Arts and Restoration in Florence, Italy.

Stephen Bird has been appointed by Speaker of the House James Black to serve on the Commission on Children with Special Needs, which meets through 2001.

CLASS NOTES

WANTED

We're looking for a few Lost Bears from the
Class of 1950.
If you have any information on the following individuals, please contact the Alumni Office.

Frances Harkey Alley
R.A. Annas
Miles Beam
Glenn Berger
William A. Bradshaw
Robert G. Caldwell
Ruth Shatley Chaney
Howard N. Cline Jr.
Guthrie C. Curtis
Joe B. Edison
James M. Edwards
Charles G. Fox Jr.
Ruby Gobble Fricke
Frederick H. Heavner
Gilbert L. Hembree
Donald S. Kinney Sr.
Oscar B. Lackey
Paul F. Logan
Elizabeth Jones Lukocs
James D. McDuffie
Dorothy Yount Moose
Ray C. Seitz

1936

Margaret Boyd Johnson has published a book, *From Magnolias to Evergreens.* It carries her story from Hickory, N.C., to Alaska, to ranch life in Washington State and includes stories from her travels on five continents.

1949

Earl & Virginia Townsend visited Argentina in October where they were missionaries from 1949-67. During their two-week stay they were "honored guests" of the Lutheran synod in Argentina.

1950

50-Year Reunion
April 28-29
during Alumni Weekend

1952

Jeff Norris was elected president of the Blowing Rock Historical Society at their annual meeting on Sept. 26 at the Green Park Hotel.

Catherine Bowden Norris has been appointed to a three-year term on the Western N.C. Advisory Board of Preservation.

1955

45-Year Reunion
April 28-29
during Alumni Weekend

1957

Tom & Betty Sink '58 Sublett retired on July 1 after 39 years in

WANTED

We're looking for a few Lost Bears from the
Class of 1955.
If you have any information on the following individuals, please contact the Alumni Office.

Marguerite Gilreath Ballard
Earl H. Bradshaw
Harvey L. Breadway
Susan Reynolds Brittain
Julia Yarborough Buchanan
James R. Campbell
Paul T. Cloninger
Walter O. Cooper
Bill R. Craig
John J. Eury
Forrest E. Evans
Harold F. Fuller Jr.
Betty Holler Goolsby
Ronald H. Hall
Charles Harshaw
Bobby R. Hildebran
Bennie S. Hoyle
David L. Kunkler
Ruth Holder Lane
Harold F. Marlow
Roberta Holman Messick
Ray D. Ollis
Anne Fisher Scott
LeRoy Sellers
Patsy Summey Sellers
Nellie King Setzer
Richard H. Simpson
Dorothy A. Spencer
Henry E. Stevenson
Ena A. Taylor

the ordained ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. They plan to continue to live in Ormond Beach, Fla., where Tom was pastor of Grace Lutheran Church for the past 11 years. They are also building a summer cottage at Lutheridge.

1960

40-Year Reunion
April 28-29
during Alumni Weekend

1964

Dr. Eldon Eckard contributed to the book and CD ROM *Ranking Task Exercises in Physics* by Thomas L. O'Kuma, David P. Maloney & Curtis J. Hieggelke. Dr. Eckard is professor of chemistry & physics at Bainbridge College.

Marion Kirby was named one of the Piedmont Triad's most important sports figures of the 20th Century by the *Greensboro News & Record.* Marion is head football coach at Greensboro College. Prior to establishing that program in 1997, he coached at both Edenton and Page high schools and was twice named N.C. coach of the

WANTED

We're looking for a few Lost Bears from the
Class of 1960.
If you have any information on the following individuals, please contact the Alumni Office.

Allandra Adams
Peggy Hitchcock Allen
Glenda J. Arndt
Leonard L. Aurand Jr.
Bonnie Caskey Ballard
James G. Beck
Carrel D. Bess
Charles A. Butler Jr.
Patricia Craig Carlton
Carroll D. Carpenter
James M. Ensley
Paul W. Fulbright
Paula Williams Garrison
Hilton W. Gopie
Donald M. Jackson
Linda Sigmon Lineberger
Mary E. Mahler
Shelba Spencer Marlowe
James B. McNeely Jr.
Jacob W. Moore
G. Roland Mullinix
Robert L. Peeler
Mildred Kirby Schmit
Virginia Hamm Shirley
Farrell O. Shull
Bobby L. Starnes
William D. Walker
Sharon Childers Watson
Carolyn Lovelace Watts
Russell I. Whitlock Jr.

year. The only other coach to win this award twice was Dean Smith, former UNC head basketball coach.

1965

35-Year Reunion
April 28-29
during Alumni Weekend

1967

Bill Martens retired from Allstate Insurance Co. in Oct. 1998.

Stephen LeShay, Ph.D., recently resigned his 20-year tenured position as professor-marketing chair at Rowan Univ. in N.J., to become a travelling faculty member for the Univ. of Maryland in Europe. The former Navy officer teaches business and communication undergraduate and graduate courses at U.S. military bases. Recently, he spent two terms at Incirlik Air Base in Turkey, and is now stationed at Rota Naval Base in Spain.

1970

30-Year Reunion
during Homecoming 2000

Linda Schuller Knott was chosen as

WANTED

We're looking for a few Lost Bears from the
Class of 1965.
If you have any information on the following individuals, please contact the Alumni Office.

H. David Abel
Ida Dellinger Abernethy
Amanda Henderson Allen
Deanna H. Arledge
A. Craig Austin
Imogene K. Baker
Kathryn Middleton Barlowe
Davis H. Barringer
Margaret A. Beatty
John R. Bensch
Bobby L. Bralley
Wanda L. Brittain
Daniel B. Cartin Jr.
Mary F. Cashion
Mary Rankin Chaffer
Ernie L. Cline
Vivia Burgess Cline
Louise Butler Corpening
Joyce L. Crotts
Martha Goble Dagenhart
Daniel W. Dalmas
Tommy Davis
Barbara Zobel DeSesso
James F. Deaton
Linda Warren Dellinger
Leonard R. Eckard
Marguerite E. Fleming
Catherine J. Griffin
Charles W. Hill
Larry L. Lineberry Jr.
Johnny W. Lynn
Earl T. Mitchell
Winifred Moore
Jovita Kiziah Morrison
Charlotte Arledge Morton
Susan Nance Pierce
John H. Powell
Larry W. Propst
Emily Huneycutt Rampulla
Bob J. Ray
Kathryne Berling Rose
Linda N. Rudisill
Joseph K. Shisler Jr.
Jack W. Sides
Harriet Gurley Smith
Helen Yoder Stephens
Marti Bergstresser Stratton
Jacqueline Brown Stroupe
Audrey E. Thornburg
Hugh G. Wallace Jr.
Thomas J. White
Alice L. Williams
Paul D. Williams
Jane Spainhour Witherspoon

the Wachovia Principal of the Year of Randolph County. She teaches at Randolph Elem. School.

1973

Dean & Mary Kathryn Ellison are the proud grandparents of Caitlyn Jean Lake born June 23. Dean

retired in July after 26½ years with the Federal Government Service as a special agent.

1975
25-Year-Reunion during Homecoming 2000

1976
MARRIED
David Craig Hines & Sylvia Harrington Measamer on Oct. 10. Sylvia is a homemaker. David is manager of Hines Equipment Company in Rocky Mount. They reside in Greenville.

1980
20-Year Reunion during Homecoming 2000

1982
Anita Cline Blackwelder received the Salvation Army's National Award for Excellence in Social Work.

BABY BEARS
To ***Todd & Patty Whitener '86 Arey*** of Salisbury, a son, Christian Todd, on Oct. 9.

1984
Patty Blackwell was awarded the Meredith College Staff Recognition Award for "exemplary job performance by demonstrating initiative, teamwork, extra effort and outstanding customer service to the Meredith community."

Barry Shuford has led the David W. Butler High School football team to the third round of state playoffs. In the third year of the school's existence, it was selected as Charlotte Regional Sports Commission "Team of the Year" and Barry selected as *The Charlotte Observer* "Coach of the Year."

1985
15-Year Reunion during Homecoming 2000

Bruce Million is now with Paramount Mortgage Co. as an executive mortgage banker in Raleigh.

Kathy Cook Million has been promoted to director of customer relations with TBM Consulting Group in Durham.

BABY BEARS
To Brent & ***Anna Johnson Hissom*** of Greer, S.C., a son, Garrett William, on Oct. 13. He joins older sister, Morgan.

1986
Robert Lenn was approved in Sept.

Heritage Society

Options for Your Year 2000 Giving

The start of the New Year is a good time to look at the giving options that best meet your circumstances. Here are a few you might consider.

Cash or securities. These gifts are made "outright" and provide the donor with an immediate tax deduction based on the fair market value of the gift. With the recent growth of the stock market, donating gifts of securities have advantages because they avoid capital gain taxes. (Readily marketable securities may be used to fund most of the options listed in this article.)

Life Insurance Contracts. This requires naming of the college as owner and/or beneficiary of a new contract or a contract no longer needed. Tax benefits vary. For example: if you give a paid-up contract, you may deduct the approximate cash value; a gift of a new policy enables the donor to deduct the premiums as long as the college is named owner of the contract; if dividends are assigned, that value may be deducted, etc.

Gift Annuities. These are gifts made to the college in exchange for fixed annual payments for life. The size of the annual income payments is based on the age(s) of the donor(s) when the gift is made. A tax deduction is allowed for a portion of the gift.

Charitable Remainder Unitrust. This unitrust allows the donor to avoid capital gain taxes and receive an income for life based a fixed percentage of the trust's annual valuation. The donor receives a tax deduction when the gift is made based upon ages of the income beneficiaries. An **annuity trust** is a similar option except the income pay out is based on a fixed dollar amount regardless of the trust value. Appreciated assets such as stocks or real estate offer great advantages when funding these types of trusts.

Life Estate Reserved. Individuals who own a home may gift that home to Lenoir-Rhyne and continue to live in that home for life. They will receive a charitable deduction for the remainder interest and continue to pay maintenance, taxes, insurance, etc. At the death of the donor, the college receives the property.

Charitable Lead Trust. This trust allows the donor to pass income tax-free to the college and enjoy a gift or estate tax deduction. Normally, there is no income tax deduction at the time of the gift, but deductions may be available for those amounts paid to the college over the life of the trust. Generally, the principal of the trust is returned to donor's heirs at the end of the trust term.

While Lenoir-Rhyne is happy to assist donors with more details in their planning as appropriate, normally donors should plan to use professional legal and tax advisors in the development of life income gift vehicles. The college has a number of capital and endowment projects underway and welcomes your investment in helping to meet these priority objectives. Contact the Office of Planned Giving, Clarence Pugh, director, at 1-800-361-2704, (828) 328-7167 or e-mail at pughc@lrc.edu. ■

for retirement from the Naval Reserve as a Lieutenant following 21 years of service. Bob is now employed as a charge nurse at Onslow Memorial Hospital and is a part-time instructor at Coastal Carolina Community College.

MARRIED
James Harvey Ham & Gigi Farr on May 29. James is employed by Flexsteel Industries in sales. Gigi is in sales design at Velco, Inc. The couple lives in Hickory.

William Clark & Tanya Watson on Sept. 4. William started a new call as assoc. pastor/minister of music at Epiphany Lutheran Church in Brooklyn, N.Y. Tayna is a RN with Visiting Nurse Services of N.Y.

1987
MARRIED
Terrell Ann Gates & Frank Jetton on Sept. 18. Terrell is employed by Sound Choice in Charlotte. Frank is employed by International Business Products.

BABY BEARS
To Steve & ***Tracey Elledge Sheets*** of Millers Creek, a son, Steven Lucas, on Sept. 17. Luke joins sister Danielle Ashton, 4.

1988
Heidi Ernst is the chief copy editor for *Fortune Small Business Magazine* and was featured in the December issue.

MARRIED
Robert Sassi & Mailin Ferreira on Oct. 9. Robert is an account executive for Fed Ex in Caracas, Venezuela. Mailin is a senior manifest agent.

BABY BEARS
Adopted by ***Bryan & Heidi Meeks '87 Riddle*** of Jupiter, Fla., a daughter, Lynann Rose, born Oct. 7 and welcomed to their home on Oct. 11. She joins big sister Meghan.

1989
MARRIED
Annette Michelle Lunsford & James William Brewer on Oct. 23. Annette is indirect sales coordinator of Alltel of Hickory. James is employed by Williams Door Services Inc. The couple resides in Hickory.

BABY BEARS
To ***William & Carolyn Canfield '91 McDonald*** of Athens, Tenn., a son, Samuel Albert, on Aug. 13. He joins older brothers, Luke and Trevor, age 2.

To Darrin & ***Tammie Chapman Pearson*** of Gastonia, a daughter, Kayleigh Ann, on Sept. 22. She joins big sister Kirstin Leigh, age 3½. Tammie is a consultant and unit manager for Creative Memories scrapbooks. Darrin is a technical support manager for Bank of America in Charlotte.

To ***Reggie & Jennifer Proffitt '98 Drum*** of Hickory, a daughter Emma Adair, on April 18. Reggie is a controller and CPA at Carolina Truck Center in Hickory. Jennifer is a RN in the nursery of Frye Regional Medical Center.

1990

10-Year Reunion during Homecoming 2000

1991

BABY BEARS

To Wendall & ***Sally Rhyne Davis*** of Randleman, a daughter, Madeline Grace, on Nov. 1. Sally is a physician's asst. at Randolph Medical Associates and Wendell is employed by Overnite Transportation in Greensboro. Proud grandparents are the Rev. ***Bill & Susan Rhyne '64***.

To ***Paul & Victoria Millholen Policke*** of Austin, Texas, a son, Luke Edward, on April 30. Luke joined sister, Chloe, 4, and brother, Noah, 17 mo. Paul is an integrated circuit design engineer for Texas Instruments and Victoria is the housewife "extraordinaire."

A letter from the Alumni Association President

Greetings!

At the annual meeting of the Alumni Association (April 29, 2000), your Board of Directors will be bringing you a proposed amendment to the Alumni Association Constitution and Bylaws. This change will affect the way we elect our officers and board members. Rather than election by direct ballot, a nominating committee, comprised of key Alumni Board members and alumni at large, will accept nominations from you, the general membership of the Alumni Association. The committee will then develop a slate for each position and present the slate to you for approval each year at the annual meeting of the Alumni Association.

This proposed amendment is the culmination of approximately two years of study that included a survey of our 10 benchmark colleges, as well as our Lutheran sister institutions. We believe that this change will make us better stewards of our monies and time while continuing to assure the best possible representation for you, the members of the Lenoir-Rhyne College Alumni Association.

If you would like a copy of the exact proposed amendment prior to the meeting, please contact John Huss, our alumni director, at (828) 328-7170.

Thank your for your support in this matter and we look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting on Saturday, April 29.

Penny Black

Penny Black '73
Alumni Association President ■

1992

Kristin Fredrickson is with Geographic Data Technology as resource procurement specialist and is working toward a second bachelors and MBA degree in business management.

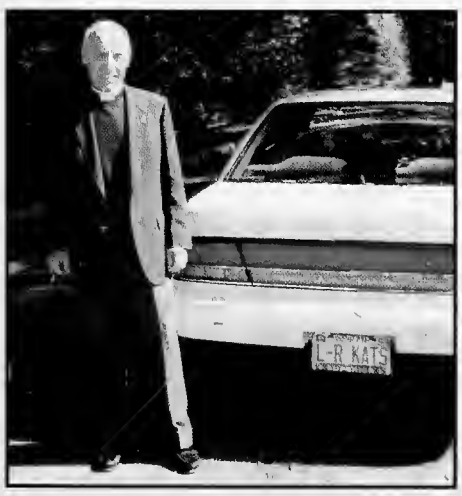
Mark Olin Long is an account executive with NetUnlimited Inc. in Winston-Salem.

Jamie Treadaway is employed by Broyhill Furniture Industries as assoc. merchandise manager of occasional and import divisions.

MARRIED

Amy Eaton & Eric Hanson in May. She received a Master of Arts degree from Illinois State Univ. in May and is currently teaching writing and literature at Waubonsee Community College in Sugar Grove, Ill. Eric is an equities trader with Third Market Corp. in Chicago.

Christy Gregg & Stuart A. Hoeke on June 19. Christy is teaching sixth grade at DeBusk Elementary School in Greeneville, Tenn. Stuart is the owner of Distinctive Custom Homes.



The Rev. James "Jay" Harbinson '56 is proud of his alma mater and the Kampus Kats, a group he helps reunite during Homecoming.

You don't have to have a personalized license plate for folks to know what new route your life has taken, just let us know. Contact:
Office of Alumni & Parent Relations,
P.O. Box 7228,
Hickory, NC 28603,
FAX 828-328-7358
or e-mail richardsr@lrc.edu
by March 31.

Name_____ (Maiden)_____ Class Year_____

Address _____ Is it new? _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (include area code)_____ E-mail_____

Marriage Date _____ (Do not submit before marriage)

Spouse's name _____ (Maiden) _____

Is spouse an alumnus/a? _____ No _____ Yes If yes, give class year _____

Birth _____ Son _____ Daughter Adoption _____ Son _____ Daughter

Name of child_____ Date_____

Occupation Self _____ Spouse _____

Death of _____ Date _____ Class Year _____

Other news:

_____

_____

_____ *(Attach an extra sheet if necessary.)*

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CLASS NOTES

1993

MARRIED
Shanna Zehner & Todd Jackson on July 17. Shanna works for Coldwell Banker Buckhead Brokers in Marietta, Ga., and Todd for Coldwell Banker Jackson Realty in Monroe. They both enjoy working with their Tennessee walking horses.

BABY BEARS
To Stacy & ***Janet Chewning Lail***, a son, Bryce William, on Aug. 26.

1994

Kimberly Blair Jordan received an MA in Art Ed. from Winthrop Univ. in Dec. 1998. She earned National Board Certification in Early Adolescent/Young Adulthood Art in Nov.

MARRIED
Terrance Collins Stewart & Yvonne Maria Miller on June 26. Terrance is head coach for men's and women's golf at L-R. Yvonne is a rehabilitation technician at Creekside Group Home. The couple resides in Hickory.

Wesley Neel Reid & Jennifer DiRaimondo '99 in July 1999. Wesley, who received his second degree from L-R in 1998, this time in nursing, is now in PA school at Eastern Carolina University. Jennifer is a RN in the birthing center at Pitt County Memorial Hospital. The couple resides in Greenville, N.C.

1995

5-Year Reunion during Homecoming 2000

B. Suzanne Young transferred from the Mann Travel & Cruise office in Hickory to the office in Statesville. She is currently a leisure travel agent and is residing in Statesville.

BABY BEARS
To ***Harlan & Amie Johnson '96 Little*** of Ft. Mill, S.C., a son, Brendan Christopher, on Sept. 27. Harlan recently accepted a position as financial consultant for American Express in Hickory.

1996

Raeleen Alise Wilson finished her master's thesis in biology and graduated in Dec. from Wake Forest Univ. She is currently an instructor of introductory biology at ASU in Boone.

Chris Tullar started in the master's program at ASU in the Fall and is seeking a master's degree in applied physics.

MARRIED
Natisha Lea Nelson & Tyler Edward Prince on Sept. 4. The couple lives in Gastonia and both are employed by Johnson Distributors in sales.

In Memoriam

Professor Bud Brown

Professor Russell Elway "Bud" Brown of Hickory died January 26, 2000.

Brown earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Bucknell University and completed additional postgraduate work at the University of Chicago. He was granted an honorary doctorate from L-R in 1985.

Brown joined the economics faculty of Lenoir-Rhyne in 1947 and served as chair of the division of social and behavioral sciences. After early retirement in 1983, he taught part time until 1986 and was named professor emeritus in 1987. Brown was instrumental in the establishment of the economics major at the college and led the debate team in more than 2,000 debates over a 23-year period. For a time, he served as statistician for the L-R basketball team and was an advisor to many groups on campus through the years.

In 1970, Brown was the first recipient of the Raymond M. Bost Distinguished Professor Award, and the college yearbook, The *Hacawa*, was dedicated to him in 1963 and again in 1983. He was a charter member of the Hickory Jaycees and was a champion of civil rights. He was also a commentator on a local Hickory radio station where he addressed local and national issues of the day.

Dr. Carl S. Blyth

Dr. Carl Blyth, L-R Class of 1947, died on January 20, 2000.

Dr. Blyth was retired chairman of the physical education department at the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill, where he taught for nearly 30 years and had been recognized by the student body for excellence in teaching. In 1980 he received L-R's Distinguished Alumnus Award for his work in Sports Medicine, which included a 15-year effort compiling the annual Football Fatality Survey of the National Collegiate Athletic Association and the American Football Coaches Association. ■

1997

Alida Rose Cardo has a poem published on the Internet site www.poetry.com by the International Library of Poetry. They are also planning to include it in the upcoming *America at the Millennium: The Best Poems and Poets of the 20th Century*.

Christopher Turner Jones is now working in the Sports Information Office at Virginia Military Institute.

Kevin Beane has been named director of Helping Hands Clinic in Lenoir.

MARRIED
Mike Langford & Angela Shields on July 31. Mike works in the Office of Admissions at L-R and Angela is employed by Sipes Orchard Home in Newton. The couple resides in Hickory.

Jennifer Haden Flowe & Jesse Andrew Blevins on Oct. 2. Jennifer is self-employed. Jesse is a math teacher at Hickory High School. The couple resides in Hickory.

Kimberly Leann Moser & Robert James Hiss '96 on Oct. 9. Kimberly is a teacher at the Chattahoochee County Education Center. Robert is with the Chattahoochee County Government as the county administrator. The couple lives in Columbus, Ga.

Susan Stogner & Gordon Morris on July 10. Susan is teaching P.E. and coaching volleyball and basketball at Camden Middle School in S.C.

1998

Joy Cline has been promoted to senior executive vice president by the Catawba County Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee and Board of Directors.

MARRIED
Anne Drum & Alexander Freeman on June 4. Anne is lab manager at Challenge Environmental Laboratory. The couple lives in Rogers, Ark.

Christel Ferber & Todd L. Setzer '97 on July 17. The couples live in Hickory.

1999

MARRIED
Christina Mae Cleary & Chad Junior Johnson on May 22. The couple is residing in Wilkesboro.

Miranda Nicole Buff & Alton Earl Harris Jr. on Oct. 16. Miranda is employed with the City of Hickory. Alton is employed by Null Industries. They live in Hickory.

IN MEMORIAM

Nell Huitt Crouch '21
of Newton on Nov. 2
Elizabeth Fisher Hahn Allen Bolick '26
of Hickory on Oct. 30
Fannie Temple Collins '27
of Drexel on Oct. 15
Charles Conrad Crouch '31
of Charlotte on Nov. 7
Frelon Broome '35
of Hickory on Oct. 9
Grover Ritchie '38
of Charlotte on Oct. 17
Helen Hockemeyer Goodson '38
of Charleston in Aug.
F. Curtis Morehead Jr. '41
of Salisbury on Jan. 2
Sidney Arthur Black, Jr. '42
of Statesville on Oct. 18
Samuel Wilson Dry '48
of Hollywood, Fla., on Nov. 12.
Edna Faye Myers Runnion '48
of North Wilkesboro on Aug. 26
John Macon Cline '51
of Greensboro on Sept. 12
James A. Lyerly '51
of Winston-Salem on Dec. 1
Precyous Hoyle Collins '52
of Lincolnton in Oct.
Fred Manley Ramseur Jr. '54
of Salisbury on Oct. 23
Michael Mendaloff '56
of Statesville in June
Bobby Allen Fullwood '57
of Hickory on Sept. 18
Brenda Catherine Smith Travis '58
of Newton on Sept. 28
Charles Payne Shirley '62
of Hickory on Jan. 1
Lucy Norton Belk '63
of Stony Point on Sept. 27
Mary Evelyn Tabor '63
of Asheville on Sept. 19 ■

Class Notes is an opportunity for alumni to keep the college community informed about important events in their lives. We encourage you to communicate your news to us via mail or e-mail. Because space is always at a premium, we unfortunately cannot guarantee that your news item will appear or that it will appear as you wrote it. We reserve the right to edit your news as necessary for reasons of space or appropriateness and in an effort to include as many people as possible.

CALENDAR

March

2	Center for Theology Colloquium. 4 and 7:30 p.m., Cromer Center Hickory Room
11	Western Piedmont Symphony Concert, Frank Almond, violin. 8 p.m., P.E. Monroe Auditorium
15-31	Art Exhibit. Terri Messier of Charlotte. Visual Arts Building
16	Visiting Writer Joseph Bathanti, N.C. poet. 8 p.m., Belk Centrum
	Winston-Salem Alumni Chapter Dinner
17	Groundbreaking for Living-Learning Center. 10 .am., on site
21	Cinematheque. "Three Seasons." (USA 1998). Three narratives tell a compelling story of people trying to find their place within the changing modern Vietnam. 8 p.m., Bears' Lair
24	L-R Dance Company Performance. 7 p.m., P.E. Monroe Auditorium
26	L-R Dance Company Performance. 2 p.m., P.E. Monroe Auditorium
26-29	Pastor-in-Residence on campus
27	L-R Sign Troupe Performance. 10 a.m., Belk Centrum

April

1	Swing Dance hosted by the L-R Jazz Ensemble. 7:30-10 p.m., Cromer Center
2-9	A Cappella Choir Tour
3	Steelman Lecturer Dr. William Rathje, Arizona University Archaeologist/Garbologist
	Richmond Alumni Chapter Meeting/ A Cappella Choir Concert
4	Washington, D.C. Alumni Chapter Meeting/ A Cappella Choir Concert
5-20	Art Exhibit. Melissa Smith of Hickory. Visual Arts Building
6	Center for Theology Colloquium. 4 and 7:30 p.m., Cromer Center Hickory Room
9	L-R A Cappella Choir and Brass Ensemble Concert. 8 p.m., St. Andrew's Lutheran Church
10	Composer-in-Residence, Dr. J. Mark Scearce Lecture. "Kitty Hawk," the making of a North Carolina opera. 10 a.m., Belk Centrum
12	Visiting Writer Leslie Marmon Silko, Native-American author. 8 p.m., Belk Centrum
13-15	Playmakers. One Act Plays. 8 p.m., Belk Centrum
15	Western Piedmont Symphony Concert, John Cheek, piano. 8 p.m., P.E. Monroe Auditorium
16	Playmakers: One Act Plays. 2 p.m., Belk Centrum
	L-R Youth Chorus Spring Concert. 4 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Morganton
18	Cinematheque. "The Dream Life of Angels." (France 1999). Two Best Actress Award winners from the Cannes Film Festival play drifting free spirits who show the relationship that each has with the outside world and the threads of life they hope to weave. 8 p.m., Belk Centrum
	L-R Band and Jazz Ensemble Concert. 7:30 p.m., P.E. Monroe Auditorium
26	L-R's Annual Language Fair. All day, Rhyne Building
28-30	Alumni Weekend

May

1	Music Department Honors Recital. 10 a.m., Mauney Music Building
2	Center for Theology Colloquium. 4 and 7:30 p.m., Cromer Center Hickory Room
3	Annual Honors Convocation. 10 a.m., P.E. Monroe Auditorium
9	L-R Youth Chorus Meistersinger Concert. 7:30 p.m., St. Andrew's Lutheran Church
11	Nursing Dedication Service and Cross Presentation. 3 p.m., St. Andrew's Lutheran Church
12	Baccalaureate. 7 p.m., St. Andrew's Lutheran Church
	Alumni and Parents Associations Reception for Class of 2000
13	Graduation. 10 a.m., Shuford Gymnasium

Call the Office of Public Relations (828) 328-7173 for a copy of this year's event calendar or for the most up-to-date information, visit the website at www.lrc.edu. Or for information on Athletics, contact the Sports Information Office at (828) 328-7174.

VISITING WRITER

Novelist Pat Conroy

8 p.m., September 21

P.E. Monroe Auditorium

Did You Know...

Many people are counting our numbers – and we are being measured.

As outside donors consider supporting L-R, they often determine their giving based on the level of support they see coming from those closest to the college. And they are not the only ones—foundations, national surveys, prospective students and other colleges/universities are checking to see if we measure up!

Take a moment to view the following graph. With an alumni participation rate of 23%, we currently rank **ninth** in comparison to our 10 benchmark schools.

Alumni Giving

Selected Benchmark Colleges

College/University	Percentage of Alumni			
	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99
Wofford	32%	39%	36%	43%
Presbyterian	42%	42%	37%	36%
Augustana (SD)*	32%	34%	34%	34%
Catawba	27%	33%	32%	31%
High Point	27%	28%	29%	29%
Roanoke*	32%	31%	35%	28%
Guilford	28%	26%	26%	28%
Newberry*	24%	34%	15%	24%
Lenoir-Rhyne*	**16%**	**21%**	**23%**	**23%**
Elon	28%	30%	28%	23%
Gardner-Webb	11%	7%	8%	13%

**Lutheran Colleges*

We Need Your Support

in order to achieve our goal and move up in the ranks! Our 1999/2000 goal of Alumni Participation is

28%!